

## ECCI ESPERANCE EXPRESS COLUMN – 16/01/2017

The Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) is a not-for-profit organisation, working as the voice of private enterprise in Esperance. The Chamber's Mission is to help cultivate an environment in the Esperance Region where businesses, new or existing, can thrive. As the peak representative body of the Esperance business community the ECCI lobbies to ensure that local business has a strong and respected voice.

### State Election Issues

The main state related issues that have been raised by our members are increasing the payroll tax threshold to 1.5M, reducing red tape, preserving the integrity of Royalties for Regions, reliable and costs effective air services, better collaboration for the Tourism Industry and improving telecommunications. The ECCI is very keen to hear any comments you may have on any of these as well as any other topics that you would like us to look at. All feedback on this is encouraged.

### Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA - State Election Interactive Map

For the upcoming state election CCIWA have created a great online resource that enables you to have your say about the issues that matter in your electorate. CCIWA wants to hear from you – what issues are holding your business back and keeping you up at night? CCI's Helping Business Work Map enables business owners to post their concerns onto a dedicated page for their electorate – please use the link for more information.

<http://waelection.cciwa.com/>

### Small Business Development Corporation Business Expectations Survey 2017

Each year the SBDC conducts a business expectations survey to gauge the sentiment of small business owners around the State. Since 2004, they've been collecting this information to create an ongoing snapshot of the small business environment in WA. The information allows the SBDC to compare changes year on year, and is used to inform small business policy development and service delivery. If you're running a small business in WA, they would really appreciate hearing from you. The SBDC 2017 survey is quick and easy to complete and the results will be published later in the year. The survey is open from 9 – 23 January.

<https://www.smallbusiness.wa.gov.au/articles/what-are-you-expecting-2017>

### Australia Day at Work (ADAW) – Get Involved!

Australia Day at Work is intended to encourage people to celebrate with their workmates and Australia Day WA's aim is to get people to register on the website and promote their involvement and Australia Day at Work event on social media using #australiaday. This is a way that people can celebrate Australia Day in the week leading up to the public holiday and create/enhance their workplace community engagement – low cost – just put on a few sausage rolls and lamingtons if that's all they want to do. <http://australiadayatwork.com.au/register-your-party/> for an Australia Day at Work and you'll receive a FREE Australia Day event pack with printable decorations, recipes and games ideas. Plus you could WIN one of 20 catering packs valued at \$300.

To ensure your Australia Day at Work event is part of the official Australia Day celebrations, remember to take a photo and post it on Twitter using #australiaday so everyone can see how you mark the occasion. See link below for more info and I encourage you to share this with your members, and attached are some images you can use where appropriate.

<https://www.facebook.com/ausdaywa.com.au/>

<http://wa.australiaday.org.au/>

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Work Cover WA**

Work Cover WA have been visiting quite a few regional towns and cities in the past few months to chat about employer liability, workers compensation and injury management and what employers need to know. Below is some information they have forwarded which I am sure many of you would be interested in.

*“Did you know workers’ compensation claims can be made by employees, some contractors, casual and seasonal staff? Workplace injury claims can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. If you employ staff, you must obtain the necessary insurance to avoid being held personally liable for the cost of claims and penalties for not having insurance. More information about insurance requirements is available at <http://www.workcover.wa.gov.au/employers/understanding-your-rights-obligations/covering-your-workers/>*

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